

## Dear Reviewer:

Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S. Forest Service are sending you the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BPA/Lower Valley Transmission Project. The Final EIS and the comments we receive about the information contained in the draft will help us decide whether to implement this project.

You can comment on the Draft EIS by calling, writing, or attending an open house. The open houses will be held:

Tuesday, July 22, 1997

4-8 p.m.

American Legion Hall

Wallace and Main St.

(behind the Courthouse)

Driggs, Idaho

Wednesday, July 23, 1997

4-8 p.m.

Lower Valley Power & Light Offices

4000 S. Highway 89

Jackson, Wyoming

You may also call and leave your comments on a toll-free line, 1-800-622-4519, or submit comments to BPA at our Internet address: [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov)

You may send written comments to:

Public Involvement Office

Bonneville Power Administration

P. O. Box 12999

Portland, Oregon 97212

You may also comment on the enclosed comment form. Comments will be accepted until August 5, 1997. We will consider all comments we receive. Our response to your comments will be in the Final EIS.

If you need more copies of the Draft EIS, summary or appendices, please call and leave a message at 1-800-622-4520. You can also download the Draft EIS from BPA's WEB site: [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov). Look for and click on *publications*.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Here are some suggestions for reviewing the Draft EIS. For your convenience, words and acronyms defined in the glossary are in bold and italics and a conversion chart with metric and English equivalents is on the back cover of the Draft EIS and Appendices. Some terms are also highlighted in sidebars.

## **1. You can use these questions to guide you through the Draft EIS.**

- Why are BPA and Lower Valley considering this project? *Chapter 1 explains the problem that needs to be solved.*
- What is being proposed? *Chapter 2 describes the Agency Proposed Action and alternatives.*
- How would the project affect the environment? *Chapter 3 describes the area's existing environment. Chapter 4 describes the expected impacts and recommended mitigation measures for the Agency Proposed Action and alternatives.*

## **2. Please help us consider other questions.**

- Do the alternatives balance environmental, economic, and technical objectives?
- Are there other ways to meet the need that we did not consider in the Draft EIS? What are they?
- Can environmental impacts be reduced? If so, how?